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CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

EXTRACTS FROM THE FIRST PAGES. REGISTER

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Textual Note:

The first entries made in the first volume of Vestry records were done on December 20, 1844. Evidently the same date is accurate for the parish register. The two books were evidently purchased at the same time and entries concurrently made. The handwriting is that of Jeremiah W. Murphy, who was referred to by Bishop Ives in his convention report of 1847, as a "Classical Teacher", and certainly the handwriting is that of a well educated man.

This leaves us with the problem of what to make of the entries dated prior to 1844. Doubtless the mission had maintained some method of keeping records, and these were merely transferred to the new books. This was a common practice at the time, and a number of old records in some local churches within ten miles of St. Peter's bear notations to the effect that they had been copied into a new book. Mr. Murphy also kept the early minutes of the Vestry in the same fine hand. Even though he was not the secretary, he seems to have maintained the minutes of all meetings, or more probably copied them over from the originals maintained by the Secretary. This is true in as much as we find the secretaries of the vestry signing their names at the end of Murphy's florid script.

After Mr. Murphy's removal from the congregation, the Secretaries of the vestry seem to have made their own entries and the Rectors of the parish also seem to have made the notations themselves. Mr. Hewitt probably maintained the best set of records, with a detailed and accurate account of not only the vital statistics of the Parish, but also the account of a good steward, itemizing in detail the monies given over to his care.

Communicant Membership of St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
1834 - 1845

1. Mary Wilson (Marginal note: Died 7th Oct. '34)
 2. Elvira Catherine Alexander
 3. Laura T. Polk (Marginal note: Died '48)
 4. Mary Josephine Wilson
 5. Sally R. Caldwell
 6. Sarah Frances Alexander
 7. Mary Wood Alexander
 8. Catherine Alexander
 9. William Julius Alexander
 10. Eliza W. Lowrie
 11. Olivia Abernathy
 12. Sarah A. Happoldt
 13. Catherine Gibbon
 14. Martha Murphy
 15. Jeremiah Murphy
 16. Joseph Wiggins Murphy
 17. Martha, a slave of Wm. J. Alexander
 18. Laura Anne Williams
 19. Dora, a slave of Wm. J. Alexander
 20. Charlotte M. Davidson
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21. Wm. F. Davidson
22. John H. Bryan, Jr.
23. Austin, a slave of George Cross
24. William Lee Alexander
25. Miles B. Abernathy
26. E.D. Williamson
27. Miss E.M. Gooch
28. Mary Gibbon

While the above obviously constitutes the earliest of the Parish Registers, it is found at the very back of the first book. This page is unnumbered. The handwriting of the first entries is that of Mr. Jeremiah Murphy, with later entries made by other hands.

1847 Convention Report - St. Peter's Charlotte

Baptisms - White 2, colored 2,	4
Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	14
Contributions to Missionary Fund,	\$15

At the last visitation of the Rt. Rev. Bishop, Mr. Bryan was appointed lay reader, and since that time, except during his absence, Divine Service has been regularly performed. We gratefully acknowledge the visits of Rev. Messrs. Parker, Prescott and Parham. By the direction of the Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Parker officiates at this Church on the fourth Sunday of every month.

A portion of the debt contracted for our building is still hanging over us, but through the kindness of our friends we hope to pay all we owe. We pray that the Head of the Church may so rule their hearts as to cause them to minister to our necessities, and enable us to devote ourselves and our means to His eternal glory.

J.H. Bryan, Jr.,
Sec'y Vestry.

(Note: In this report we find that Mr. John H. Bryan, Jr. is serving as lay reader, a position occupied the previous year by Jeremiah W. Murphy, who was also the Secretary of the Vestry at that time. Mr. Murphy is listed in the same Convention Report as a delegate from the Church of the Redemption in Lexington. Evidently, his removal from St. Peter's congregation took place at some time between the conventions of 1846 and 1847.)

Communicant Membership of St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Charlotte, N.C.
Sept., 1855
Rev. H.H. Hewitt, Rector

1. Wm. F. Davidson
2. Mrs. Wm. F. Davidson
3. Capt. Lucas
4. Mrs. Lucas
5. Mr. John Wilkes
6. Mrs. John Wilkes
7. Dr. J. Davidson
8. Mrs. J. Davidson
9. Mrs. Pinckney Caldwell
10. Miss Margaret Lowry
11. Miss Eliza Lowry
12. Col. Williams
13. Miss Betsy Williams
14. Miss Thompson
15. Mrs. Bryce
16. Mrs. H. B. Davidson
17. Mrs. Gibbon
18. Miss Margaret Blake
19. Miss Alice Caldwell
20. Capt. Sidgrave
21. Miss Mary Gibbon
22. Miss Catherine Gibbon
23. Miss Annie Gibbon
24. Miss Virginia Gibbon
25. Mrs. Harriet Young
26. Mr. W.A. Young
27. Mr. Abernathy
28. Mary Caldwell

The above listing is found on page 61 of the Parish Registry
Book number 1.

Communicants added by Confirmation, March 23, 1856:

Dr. J. Davidson
Mrs. Wilkes
Mr. W. A. Young
Mrs. W.A. (Harriett) Young
Miss Catherine Gibbon
Miss Anne Gibbon
Miss Virginia Gibbon

The above names were not included in Mr. Hewitt's report of September, 1855, but most of them are found in the 1856 list made for the annual report to the Convention.

Communicants Reported May 27, 1857
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Charlotte, N.C.

1. Wm. F. Davidson
2. Charlotte Davidson
3. W.A. Lucas
4. Harriett Lucas
5. John Wilkes
6. Jane R. Wilkes
7. Dr. J. M. Davidson
8. Mary M. Davidson
9. Margaret Lowrie
10. Eliza Lowrie
11. Sally Roxanna Caldwell
12. W.A. Williams
13. Julia Bryce
14. Catherine Gibbon
15. Betsy Williams
16. Margaret Blake
17. Alice Caldwell
18. Mary Gibbon
19. Catherine Gibbon, Jr.
20. Annie Gibbon
21. Virginia Gibbon
22. Harriet Young
23. W.A. Young
24. Miles A. Abernathy
25. Dr. R. Wysong
26. Louisa Maria Murphy
27. Polly Bethel (colored)
28. Jerry Bethel (colored)
29. Margaret Strange (colored)

Communicants added since Convention (of) ^{May}~~March~~ 27, 1857.

30. Caroline Young
31. Annabella Wilson (colored)
32. Austin (colored)
33. T.C. Brown
34. Mrs. T.C. Brown
35. Miss Margaret Brown
36. Miss Taylor
37. M.T.B. Taylor
38. Mrs. Russell
39. Wm. Foster (colored)
40. Hannah Pinckney

The above listing is found on page 63 of the first Parish Registry Book.

Communicants found in the Parish in July, 1861
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Charlotte, N.C.

1. William F. Davidson
2. Mrs. Charlotte Davidson
3. Mrs. Harriet Lucas
4. William A. Lucas
5. John Wilkes
6. Mrs. J.R. Wilkes (Jane Renwick)
7. Dr. Joseph M. Davidson
8. Mrs. Mary W. Davidson
9. Mrs. Sallie Roxanna Caldwell
10. Miss Margaret Lowrie
11. Miss Elisa Lowrie
12. Miss Betsy Williams
13. Mrs. Julia Bryce
14. Ben Davidson
15. Miss Cassie Gibbon
16. Miss Catherine Gibbon
17. Miss Mary Gibbon
18. Miss Annie Gibbon
19. Miss Jennie Gibbon
20. Miss Margaret Blake
21. Miss Sarah F. Davidson
22. Miss Alice B. Owens
23. Mrs. Sophia C. Myers
24. Mrs. Martha M. Russell
25. Miss Hassie Thomas
26. Miss Mary Thomas
27. Mrs. Rabe
28. Col. McKinney (Note: Killed in Battle)
29. Mrs. Julia Fox
30. Mrs. Richard Gregory
31. Mrs. Hawkins
32. Mrs. Hannah Schutt

Communicants added by first Communion after Convention
July 10, 1861 to March 14, 1862.

15. Benj. Morrow
1. Miss Sydney Grist (Note: From Baltimore Co. Md.)
2. Miss Anna Lucas
3. Miss Minerva J. Barnett
4. Mrs. G.A. Everhart
5. Miss Laura Tate
6. Miss Katie Caldwell
7. Miss Sarah A. Barnes
8. Miss Delia Moore

9. Miss Sarah E.M. Davidson.
10. Miss Laura Davidson
11. Mrs. Margaret Spratt
12. George C. Hanson
13. Jane Wilkinson
14. Mrs. Josie Davidson

The above entered names are found on pages 117 and 119 of the first Parish Register, page 118 being left blank.

Communicants added since Convention of 1862.

Miss Sallie West
Mrs. Julia Ramsuer (sic)
Dr. J.H. Hughes
Mrs. A.W.B. Tatum
Miss Mary Simpson
Hon. George Davis
Miss Bettie West

Death and Burial Records from the first Registry Book of
St. Peter's Church, Charlotte:

1. Mrs. Mary Wilson, aged 47 years, died 7 October and was buried 8 October, 1834.
2. Miss Rosanna Williamson died 22 June and was buried 23 June, 1845, aged 19 yrs.
3. Henrietta Warren, wife of James Warren, miner, a native of Scotland, died 23 January and was buried 25 January, 1847.
4. William Sandry, an Englishman, died after a long illness on 29 December and was buried Saturday, December 30, 1848, aged about 40 years.
5. James Harvey Orr, aged -- years died 10 March, 1879, at the residence of Dr. Graham. Funeral service held at St. Peter's 11 March, 1879 and interment in the New Cemetery.
6. Mrs. Josephine Davidson, wife of Joseph Davidson, buried October 26, 1861, aged 24 years.
7. Mrs. Harriet Orr, wife of Dr. Orr, aged about 38 years, buried 20 February, 1862.
8. Dr. Joseph W. Caldwell, son of Dr. Pinckney and Roxanna Caldwell, died June 9, 1862, aged 28 years.
9. Lieutenant Benjamin Davidson, aged about 33 years was mortally wounded in the battle of Sharpsburg, Maryland, and died in Winchester, Virginia. He was buried from St. Peter's October 11, 1862.
10. Mrs. Elizabeth Clayton, died January 19 and was buried the 20th, She was a communicant nearly 40 years, aged 66 years. (1863)
11. Mrs. Sarah Roxanna Caldwell, wife of Dr. Pinckney Caldwell, died March 12, 1863, and was buried the 3rd day thereafter by Rev. Mr. Wetmore. A. 53 yrs.
12. William Davidson, aged 79 years died September 16, and was buried Sept. 17, 1859.

Infant Burials - Burials of Children

Augustine, infant son of William F. and Charlotte Davidson age 1 year and 9 months, died June 11th and was buried June 13th, 1855, in the public graveyard in Charlotte.

Horatio H. Hewitt, Rector.

Mary, daughter of the Hon. Green W. Caldwell, aged 19 years, died July 13th and was buried July 14th, 1855 in the public graveyard, Charlotte.

Horatio H. Hewitt, Rector.

Maria Louisa, infant daughter of Robert F. and Patsy Smith, aged 5 months, died August 3, 1856, and was buried the day following.

T.D. Gibson, Presbyter.

Edward Graham Haywood, infant son of Robert P. and Augusta Waring, died July 1st, 1857, aged 13 months. The funeral service was read at the residence of the parents, after which the corpse was returned to Raleigh for burial.

Horatio H. Hewitt, Rector.

Elizabeth, daughter of John and Helen Cormick, died July 22nd, and was buried July 23rd, 1857, aged 4 years and 2 months.

Horatio H. Hewitt, Rector.

Isabella, infant daughter of John and Jane R. Wilkes, died September 1st, 1857, aged about 11 months. Buried in the public burying ground Charlotte on 2nd of September, 1857.

September 24, 1857 Adda, infant daughter of Benjamin P. and Anna Sikes in the public burying (sic) ground Charlotte. The corpse was brought from the Rock Island Factory where the parents reside.

December 25, 1859 Haywood, infant son of Rebecca, servant of Rebecca Henderson, and George Williams (colored.)

Confirmations - June, 1833:

1. Mary Wilson
2. Catherine Elvira Alexander
3. Sally Roxanna Caldwell
4. Laura Theresa Polk

Confirmation - August 4, 1841:

Eliza B. Lowry

Confirmations - June 16, 1842:

1. William Julius Alexander
2. Mary Wood Alexander

Confirmations - August 27, 1844:

1. William Williamson
2. E. Dallas Williamson

Confirmations - July 17, 1845:

1. William F. Davidson
2. Charlotte Melissa Davidson
3. Laura Ann Williams

Confirmations - June 28, 1846:

1. John H. Bryan (Jr.)
2. J. William Murphy

Confirmation - August 18, 1847:

Miss Eliza Missouri Gooch

Confirmation - February 25, 1849:

William Lee Alexander at Trinity School, Raleigh

Confirmation - May 12, 1860:

1. Mrs. Sophia C. Myers
2. Miss C.C. Trust
3. Miss Martha Thomas
4. Miss Hattie Thomas
5. Miss Ann Connor
6. Miss Eliza Wilkes
7. Mrs. Virginia Rabe in private.

May 22 1857
Day after Ascension Day

The holy ordinance of Confirmation was administered to the following persons by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese:

The Hon. Daniel M. Barringer
Samuel J. Lowrie
George Hope
Annabella Wilson (colored)

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| 1. Nancy Williams | 7. William Foster |
| 2. Hannah Pinckney | 8. Mary Pethel |
| 3. William D. Pinckney | 9. Eliza J. Bryant |
| 4. Thomas B. Taylor | |
| 5. Harriet Taylor | (the above being colored |
| 6. Mary Jane Brown | communicants.) |

The above confirmed by Bp. Atkinson at his visitation of the parish October 10, 1858.

T.S.W. Mott, Rector

Confirmation
October 13, 1861 Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson, D.D.

1. Mrs. Ann B. Matthews of Stokes County.
2. Mrs. Harriet Orr (privately)
3. Miss Minerva J. Bonner of Salem (N.C.)
4. Miss Annie Lucas
5. Miss Laura Tate
6. Miss Katie Caldwell
7. Miss Sydney Grist of Washington
8. Miss Sarah M.E. Davidson
9. Miss Laura Davidson
10. Benjamin Morrow
11. Pinckney Caldwell
12. Jane (colored) servant of Miss Wilkinson

G.M. Everhart, Rector

Confirmation September 23, 1862

1. Miss Sarah F. Davidson.
2. Miss Margaret Gibbon
3. Miss Bettie Page
4. Mrs. Jones
5. Mrs. Emily Jones
6. Mrs. Margaret Spratt
7. Charles E. Spratt
8. Washington Read (sic)
9. William H. Schutt
10. J. Barron Hope
11. Levi Stevens
12. Mrs. E.F. Stevens
13. Anthony Wilkes (colored)

Confirmed October 3, 1863

Miss Bettie West
Miss Sallie H. West
Mrs. Julia W. Ramsey
Dr. T.H. Hughes
Miss Margaret W. Lucas
Mrs. Arethusa W.B. Tatum
Miss Nancy M. Simpson
Hon. George Davis
(Colored)
Elizabeth Pethel (free)
Margaret, slave of W.F. Davidson
Ellen and Lavinia, servants hired to John Wilkes

Confirmed October 1, 1864

Mrs. Cornelia W. Wallace
Miss Mollie Lucas
Miss Mollie Cormack
Miss Frances M. Echols
Master Lewis London (?)
(Colored)
William Scott
Nancy Scott
Eliza Sprinkle
Amanda Young
Mary Ann Spencer
Hannah Myers
Elizabeth Strange
Anna Strange

Confirmed by the Rt. Rev. H.C. Lay, D.D. at the request of
Ep. Atkinson, April 9, 1865

1. Mrs. McPhail of Winchester, Va.
2. Miss Lucy Jane Gaskins of Norfolk, Va.
3. Americus Featherman of Madison, La.
4. James William Gaskins of Norfolk, Va.
5. Leonadas Moore of New Bern, N.C.
6. Dr. W.E. Hitchcock of Richmond, Va.

Cynthia, colored woman formerly a slave of the Rector was
confirmed by Ep. Atkinson, June 11, 1865.

Vestries and Vestrymen:

Although a fuller account of most of the early members of the St. Peter's Vestry is to be found later, it would be well for us to mention the founding members of this body. The first Vestry listing is that given in volume one of the Vestry minutes under the entry made December 20, 1844, at which time the Church was organized and dropped its mission status.

Vestry men so listed on December 20, 1844, were:

Jeremiah W. Murphy, Warden
William R. Myers, Secretary
Miles B. Abernathy
William Julius Alexander

These were the men who had in effect founded the Episcopal Church in Charlotte and in large part in the western areas of North Carolina.

It seems that the Vestry membership remained fairly constant for a few years until the removal of Jeremiah W. Murphy and his family to Lexington, N.C. The name of William Julius Alexander does not appear after 1848, and it is assumed that he also left the city. In 1854, the name of John Wilkes is first found as a vestryman of St. Peter's. Mr. Wilkes was a member of that body longer than any other person, having served as senior warden for 30 years. A handsome silver communion flagon was presented to the Church in 1907 in tribute to Mr. Wilkes' many years of service on the Parish Vestry.

Two subsequent vestry listings are given, gathered in large part from the minutes of the Vestry. There are no formal listings of vestrymen, but a careful reading of the transactions of the Vestry will enable the reader to construct an accurate listing.

It should be noted in reading these vestry lists, that from 1844 to 1854, only Col. William A. Myers remained on the Vestry. After 1854, however, there was some stability to the Vestry membership, with many of the same name repeatedly being found. Evidently this is some indication of a growing stability in the Parish, for originally many of the founders had been associated with the mining and minting of gold. In later years, when this metal began to fail in the Charlotte area, the membership of St. Peter's and its Vestry began to be composed of merchants and manufacturers less prone to the transient gold industry. It should also be noted that in some cases the members of the vestry do not appear in the communicant listings prepared by the clergy. Why this is so I do not know.

St. Peter's Vestry, 1854

1. Capt. W.A. Lucas
2. Col. W.A. Myers
3. Dr. J. Davidson
4. B.H. Davidson
5. W.F. Davidson
6. John Wilkes.

St. Peter's Vestry, 1867

1. John Wilkes
2. W.A. Williams
3. W. R. Myers
4. M.M. Orr
5. W.F. Davidson
6. Thomas Allison
7. W.H.H. Gregory
8. John G. Bryce.

Marriages recorded by Horatio H. Hewitt

December 21, 1854 Dr. J. Davidson to Miss Mary Martha Caldwell, daughter of Major John Caldwell, all of Charlotte.
Horatio H. Hewitt, Rector.

July, 1855 Mr. John Brice to Miss Julia Jones, daughter of Dr. L.G. Jones, all of Charlotte.
Horatio H. Hewitt, Rector.

August 13, 1856 Major Henry W. Connor to Miss Mary L. Burton, daughter of A.M. Burton, Esq., all of Beaties Ford, Lincoln County.

October 31st, 1857 George Doult(?) to Emma Weeks, both of Cabarrus County.
H. Hewitt, Presbyter

November 24, 1857 William A. Owens to Alice B. Caldwell daughter of the Hon. G.H. Caldwell, all of Charlotte.
Horatio H. Hewitt, Presbyter

Dec. 29, 1857 William Foster to Annabella Wilson, free colored, both of Charlotte.
Horatio H. Hewitt.

Marriages of Members of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte:

1. William Julius Alexander to Elvira Catherine Alexander
2 December, 1824, Mecklenburg County.
2. Dr. Pinckney C. Caldwell to Sarah Roxanna Wilson, 12
December, 1831, Mecklenburg County.
3. E. Dallas Williamson to Martha D. Wallis, 31 December,
1844, Mecklenburg County.
4. Charles E. Spratt to Margaret L. Oates, 5 February,
1850, Mecklenburg County.
5. Dr. J.M. Hoppoldt to Sarah A. Williamson, 3 January,
1843, Lincoln County.
6. Alice Caldwell to William A. Owens, November 24, 1857,
Mecklenburg County.
7. Capt. John F. Hoke to Catherine Alexander, daughter of
Col. William J. Alexander, October 30, 1850, Lincoln
County.

Sketch of William Julius Alexander

William Julius Alexander was born in Salisbury, N.C. in March of 1797, the son of William Lee Alexander and Jane Henderson Alexander, the daughter of Judge Richard Henderson and the sister of the Hon. Archibald Henderson. William Julius was a student at Poplar Tent Academy in Cabarrus County and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Class of 1816. For two years thereafter, he studied the law with his uncle, Archibald Henderson, gaining admittance to the Bar in 1818. From 1826 until 1833 he intermittently represented Mecklenburg County in the General Assembly. In 1833 he was appointed solicitor of the 6th Judicial District, which contained Lincoln County. The following year he was a candidate for Superior Court Judge in this district, but he was defeated by vote of the General Assembly. Thereupon he left Lincoln County and returned to Charlotte, returning to private law practise. In 1846, however, he was appointed director of the United States Mint, which job he held until replaced after the election of General Taylor. During this period he was one of the organizing Vestrymen of St. Peter's Church. William J. Alexander was married to Elvira Catherine Wilson, December 2, 1824. They were the parents of Mary W. Alexander, Laura Alexander, and William Joseph Alexander. After leaving the Mint, Alexander and his family returned to Lincolnton, where he died, February 15, 1857.

Sketch of Jeremiah William Murphy.

Jeremiah W. Murphy was a native of Lincoln County, N.C., On March 2, 1842, Murphy's name appears as a vestryman of St. Luke's Episcopal Church on a deed of conveyance. It is not known exactly when Murphy removed to Charlotte, but at any rate he was a member of St. Peter's Church at the time of the formal organization of the Parish in 1844, although no mention of him or his family appears until this date. Very shortly thereafter, the Murphy family left Charlotte and settled in Lexington in Davidson County, where they immediately became involved in the affairs of the Church of the Redemption, which had been recently organized. In 1848, Jeremiah Murphy was a representative of this parish to the 32nd Annual Convention of the North Carolina Diocese. Mr. Murphy was the father of several sons, all of whom entered the Ministry of the Church and were ordained in St. Peter's Church.

Sketch of Dr. Pinckney C. Caldwell:

Dr. P.C. Caldwell was born in Gaston County, N.C., on August 21, 1802, the son of Samuel Caldwell, an officer in the militia during the Revolution, and a brother of Green Washington Caldwell. The plantation on which Dr. Caldwell was born was later sold to the Benedictine Order and is presently the site of Belmont Abbey College. Dr. Caldwell was sent to local academies for the rudiments of education and later to the Transylvania Institute for a more thorough medical education. He then returned to Charlotte and established himself in practice. In 1831, at the age of 29, he was married to Sarah Roxanna Wilson (see below). They were the parents of a number of children, among them Dr. Joseph, Catherine, Mary and Alice Caldwell, all of whom were to later become important in the active members of St. Peter's Parish. Dr. Caldwell ardently supported the work of St. Peter's for twenty-five years. He died on July 26, 1865, and was buried in the community cemetery. Dr. Caldwell was a brother-in-law to William Julius Alexander, or rather to his wife, since the wives of the two men were sisters.

The Wilson Sisters - Sarah Roxanna and Elvira Catherine:

The two daughters of Joseph Wilson were probably more instrumental than any other people in the establishment of St. Peter's Church. Their father was born a Quaker, the son of William and Eunice Worth Wilson. He was born in Perquimons County in 1780 and died in Mecklenburg County in 1829. At the time of his death he was solicitor of the Western District. Sarah, or Sallie, Roxanna Caldwell was married at the age of 21 to Dr. P.C. Caldwell. This being in 1831. Her sister had been married some seven years earlier in 1824 to William Julius Alexander. The early records of the church give testimony to the efforts of these two women in the infant congregation. Elvira Catherine in her later years removed from Charlotte with her husband to Lincolnton. Her sister, however, remained in the congregation, and when she died at the age of 52 in 1863, she was much lamented by the whole church family.

Green W. Caldwell

It is strange indeed that none of the early lists of communicants contain the name of Green Caldwell, for his name appears often in the Vestry minutes as a member of the building committee that built the first Church building. Mr. Caldwell was born in Gaston County, near Tuckaseegee Ford, within the shadow of Whitehaven Church, on April 13, 1811. For a time he studied medicine with Dr. Doherty near Beattie's Ford, and later entered this profession. He practised with some success and skill for some time, but became dissatisfied. He thereupon entered the law and attained a high degree of proficiency. In 1836 he was elected a member of the House of Commons, serving in that body until 1841, when he was elected to Congress. He only served one term, retiring to Charlotte, where he was appointed superintendent of the Mint in 1844. In 1846 he was the choice of his party for governor, but he declined the nomination. In 1847, with the outbreak of the War with Mexico, Mr. Caldwell was appointed a Major of Dragoons and served with distinction. In 1849 he was elected to the state Senate. In 1851 he was again a candidate for Congress but was this time defeated. Mr. Caldwell rendered valuable service to the parish, but due to his duties as elected official and soldier was very often absent, and probably omitted for this reason from the early membership listings. There is no doubt that he was a member in good standing of the Church.

A fuller account of the parentage of Mr. Caldwell is to be found in the sketch of his brother, Dr. Pinckney C. Caldwell. In 1832, Green Caldwell was married to Miss Jane McComb, the daughter of Major Samuel McComb. To this union were born two daughters. The elder was Miss Alice Caldwell, who was married to William B. Owens, and was for many years a leader in St. Peter's congregation. The younger daughter was Margaret, who died unmarried at a young age.

From 1853 until its closing in 1861, Mr. Caldwell was once again in charge of the U.S. Mint. At the same time, he continued the practice of the law. Green W. Caldwell died in Charlotte in 1864.

Dr. E. Dallas Williamson:

A native of Lincoln County, N.C., Dr. Williamson was the son of Col. Robert Williamson and Elizabeth Reid Williamson. This entire family was early involved in the work of the Episcopal Congregation of Whitehaven, and from thence it went forth into a number of Piedmont Churches. One of Dr. Williamson's brothers was an early Vestryman of St. Luke's Parish, Lincolnton. A sister, Sarah, was married to Dr. J.M. Happoldt, later becoming an early member of St. Peter's Church. Sarah Happoldt later left St. Peter's Church for Morganton, where she aided the infant congregation in that town. Dr. Williamson was given to the practice of medicine in the town of Charlotte for a number of years. In his later years he removed to the vicinity of the present town of Pineville in order to supply the medical needs of that part of the county. Dr. Williamson died on January 23, 1871. For a number of years prior to his death, he had not been associated with St. Peter's Church.

The Lowrie Sisters - Eliza and Margaret

Eliza Lowrie was born in Lincoln County, N.C. in 1794, and her sister Margaret in the year following. They were the daughters of Samuel Lowrie and his wife Mary, who had been married on December 25, 1788 in what was then Tryon County. Neither of these sisters was ever married. They lived together in the town of Charlotte, devoting much of their time to St. Peter's Church in the years after 1844. Eliza had been the first of the sisters to be confirmed, that being in 1841, while St. Peter's was still a mission. While there is no actual record of the confirmation of Margaret Lowrie, her name appears on the 1855 listing as a communicant. These maiden ladies served the parish over a twenty year period before their deaths in 1865 and 1866, respectively. Their brother Samuel J. Lowrie was also a member of the Parish.

Dr. Alexander in his History of Mecklenburg County refers to the Lowrie family as the "Wealthiest and most refined" in the county. Samuel J. Lowrie is also mentioned as being the most outstanding legal brain that the county had produced up until that time. Margaret Alexander Lowrie and her sister, who was never well, lived with their brother-in-law, Dr. David R. Dunlap, who was a constant member of the Methodist Church in Charlotte. Another sister, Lillie, was married to Mr. Brawley Oates.

William R. and Sophia Springs Myers

One of the most dedicated early families of St. Peter's was that of William R. Myers and his wife, Sophia, nee Springs. He had come to Charlotte to practice law from Wadesboro, where his family had been associated with the congregation of Calvary Church. Sophia Springs Myers was the daughter of John Springs III (1782-1853) and his first cousin, Mary Springs (1778-1834). Mrs. Myers had been educated in Charleston, S.C., where she came into contact with the Episcopal Church. After her marriage to Mr. Myers, the young bride became a member of St. Peter's Church. From this time until her death in 1883, Mrs. Myers was a paragon of the Church. The most tangible evidence of her devotion is the marble font still in use in the Church. This was given by Sophia Myers in September of 1862, only a few days before the consecration of the church building. The Myers children were all brought up in the Parish, which was located some distance from the family home on East Avenue on a lot given the couple by Mrs. Springs' father. There are still those in the Church who are descended from this early family of note. Mrs. Myers had been confirmed on May 12, 1860. There is no date of confirmation given by the records for Mr. Myers, so it is reasonable to assume that he was already a churchman when he came to Charlotte. At any rate, Mr. Myers was listed as a vestryman in 1854, and was much involved in the building of the "Little Church" in 1857.

Dr. Joseph M. Davidson

An early member of the parish that was much involved with the building of the new building in 1857 was Dr. Joseph M. Davidson. He was born in Mecklenburg County, the son of Benjamin Wilson Davidson (1787-1829) and Elizabeth Latua Davidson (1797-1838). He was married to Mary M. Caldwell and practiced medicine in the town of Charlotte. Exactly when the couple joined St. Peter's congregation is not known. At any rate, their names appear on the communicant list prepared by Rev. Horatio H. Hewitt in 1855, and consistently thereafter. The early baptismal records of the parish are filled with entries related to the children and slaves of Dr. and Mrs. Davidson, and it is evident that the couple took great care that all those whose lives were in any way bound to them were exposed to the tenets of the Episcopal Church.

Sketch of Capt. John Wilkes:

John Wilkes served as no man in the development of St. Peter's Parish. From 1856 until his death in 1908, he served as a Vestryman, and as Senior Warden from 1860. With only rare interruptions, he represented the Parish at the Conventions of the Diocese, and seven times he represented the Diocese to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. From 1860 he served as a lay reader, helping to administer the services of the church during those intervals it was without the services of a regular minister. For many years he helped house the clergy of the church in his own home until they could otherwise find a proper rectory. In 1862, his great generosity to the church was best displayed in his contribution that enabled the Parish to pay off the debt on the 1857 building. A small window in the baptisman transept stands as a small memorial to one of the greater leaders of this congregation.

John Wilkes was the son of Charles Wilkes and Jane Renwick Wilkes. He was born March 31, 1827, in New York City. His father was an officer in the United States Navy. His greatgrandfather, Israel, was a brother of John Wilkes, the English Liberal and reformer, whose aid to the American Colonists is well known. Israel Wilkes, his sons John and Charles, and their retinue came to New York in 1773, but the Revolution soon drove them, as loyal British subjects in politics, to Nova Scotia, where they remained until 1783. John Wilkes, son of Israel and grandfather of Capt. John Wilkes, was married to Mary Seton. His youngest son, Charles, was the father of Capt. Wilkes.

In 1841, Capt. Wilkes received an appointment as a midshipman in the U.S. Navy. From the ages of 14 to 16, he served aboard the U.S.S. Delaware, and later, when the war with Mexico came about, he served with the Gulf Squadron aboard the U.S.S. Mississippi as a lieutenant. In 1847, he was ordered to the newly established U.S. Naval Academy for the then one year tour. He was graduated number 1 in a class of 135.

In December of 1853, John Wilkes first came Charlotte to supervise some mining and milling interests. The following year he resigned from the navy and permanently moved to the Charlotte area. It was also in the year of 1854, that he married Miss Jane Renwick Smedberg of New York, the daughter of Charles Gustave Smedberg, the second son of a wealthy Swedish iron manufacturer.

Capt. John Wilkes, cont.:

For four years, the Wilkes' resided in the area known as St. Catherine's Mills, some four miles from Charlotte. In 1858, in connection with Mr. William R. Myers, he purchased the Mecklenburg Flour Mills that had been erected by Leroy Springs. These mills were located between Trade and Fifth Streets in Charlotte. In 1859, Capt. Wilkes founded the Mecklenburg Iron Works. He administered both of these until the War of 1861-65, at which time he gave the iron works over to the Confederate States Government, but continued to operate the flour mills, supplying much of the flour used by the Army of Northern Virginia. In 1865, the iron works were returned to Wilkes, but the flour mills were forced to close due to a lack of wheat. In August of 1865, Capt. Wilkes obtained a charter for the First National Bank of North Carolina at Charlotte and served as President of this institution from 1865 to 1869. In connection with General John A. Young, he had the Rock Island Woolen Mills moved to the old flour mill location. Unfortunately, these mills failed in 1874, and Wilkes was nearly ruined. He then turned his attentions once more to the Mecklenburg Iron Works, which business he continued until his death.

Capt. and Mrs. Wilkes were the parents of nine children. Of these, two of the girls died in infancy and one at age 10. One of the boys died at age 18 and one at 28. Two of the boys survived their parents as did two of the girls. These were - John Frank and James Renwick Wilkes, and Agnes Wilkes Rankin and Rosalie Wilkes Jones.

William Davidson and William F. Davidson:

Mr. William Davidson was by birth a Scotsman. He came to Charlotte via Charleston, S.C., and in time amassed considerable wealth from his various mercantile enterprises. He was married to Sarah Frew, a daughter of Archibald Frew, the first Charlotte Postmaster. This couple became interested in the spiritual well-being of the town of Charlotte, and in time William Davidson donated the land on which now stands the First Presbyterian Church and the community cemetery commonly called the "Old Settler's" Cemetery. It is somewhat strange that Mr. Davidson was not himself a Presbyterian, but at any rate, the community church that he fostered was in 1832 organized into a Presbyterian Congregation. Mr. Davidson himself never joined this church, but aided in the establishment of the Episcopal Church in Charlotte. The actual extent of his personal devotion to the church is unknown, but at any rate, his funeral was conducted from St. Peter's Church, September 17, 1859, and dutifully recorded in the Parish Register. He was buried in the community cemetery whose ground he donated.

William Frew Davidson was the son of William and Sarah Frew Davidson. He was born in Charlotte and remained a useful citizen of the town all his life. He was by profession an attorney. Mr. Davidson was confirmed in St. Peter's Church on July 17, 1845, on the same occasion as his wife, Charlotte Melissa. For many years Mr. Davidson served as a member of the Parish Vestry, his name first appearing in 1854. He was later one of the most influential members in the building of the "Little Church". William F. Davidson and Charlotte M. Davidson were the parents of a number of children, all of whom became active in the work of the Parish. These children are listed in the baptismal records of the Church that are found elsewhere in this account.

Another child of William and Sarah Frew Davidson was Harriet E. Davidson, who was married to Mr. Brawley Oates' constant friend, Dr. David Thomas Caldwell. Harriet Caldwell was in turn a devoted friend of Mr. Oates' wife, Lillie Lowrie Oates. Mrs. Harriet Caldwell was for a time connected with the St. Peter's congregation, but her husband's very strong Presbyterian connections finally lured her away.

The Women of the Gibbon Family:

Catherine Gibbon, nee Lardner, was the matriarch of the several Gibbon Girls that graced St. Peter's Church for many years. Mr. Gibbon served as assayer in the Charlotte Branch of the U.S. Mint for many years prior to the War of 1861-65. It was, however, from their mother that all of the Gibbon girls obtained their strong Episcopal persuasion. Mrs. Gibbon was a Philadelphian and an heir of a strong Episcopal heritage. It would be repetitious to relist the Gibbon children at this point, for a full list is to be found in the communicant registers and in the confirmation lists. Most of these girls remained unmarried, devoting much of their time to the Church and its work, especially in the area of slave ministries. Many of the baptismal accounts having to do with slaves are witnessed or sponsored by one or more of the Gibbon sisters. There is no evidence that any of the men of the Gibbon family were active in the Parish in the years before the War. One of the sons in this multi-talented family was a soldier of note, participating in many of the campaigns on the frontier with Col. George Armstrong Custer.

Clergy Serving St. Peter's Church 1833-1866

1. Rev. John Morgan - Missionary, 1833-1835.
2. Rev. Moses Ashley Curtis - Missionary, 1835.
3. Rev. Thomas F. Davis - Supply, 1836-1840.
4. Rev. Edward M. Forbes - Missionary, 1841-1844.
5. Rev. Aaron Francis Olmstead - Rector, 1844-1846.
6. Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott - Supply, 1847.
7. Rev. John Haywood Parker - Rector, 1848-1852.
8. Rev. James D. McCabe - Rector, 1852-1854.
9. Rev. Horatio Harrison Hewitt - Rector, 1854-1857.
10. Rev. Thomas S.W. Mott - Rector, 1857-1859.
11. Rev. H.H. Loring - Rector, 1859-1861.
12. Rev. George M. Everhart - Rector, 1861-1866.

For a more detailed account of each of the above, see the following pages which contain information on both the personal history of these clerics as well as their ministerial credentials.

Note: Rev. Jethro Rumple in his History of Rowan County Salisbury, N.C., 1881, mentions that the Rev. Mr. William W. Spear officiated in Charlotte during his tenure at St. Luke's from January of 1835 until the end of 1836.

Rev. John Morgan

The Rev. John Morgan officiated at St. Peter's from November 1832 until the summer of 1835. He baptized seven persons during his sojourn in this Parish, which was served in connection with St. Luke's, Salisbury. Mr. Morgan was by birth and education an Englishman. He never married. In his 1834 Convention Report, Mr. Morgan lists only three communicants in Charlotte, although doubtless there were more associated with the congregation. From this area Mr. Morgan removed to the state of Maryland. He died in Staten Island, New York in 1877. Mr. Morgan was a collector of rare and unusually bound books, which, with his charitable works gave him pleasure in the absence of a family. Both of these indulgences were in the main made possible by a rather considerable inheritance which was received during his North Carolina tenure. Mr. Morgan was very highly thought of by all who knew him, not only those in his pastoral charge. After the receipt of his inheritance, Mr. Morgan gave up the Parish St. Luke in Salisbury to devote all of his attentions to the mission churches of his charge, Mecklenburg, Iredell and Burke Counties.

Thomas Frederick Davis

The Rev. Thomas Frederick Davis was born near Wilmington, North Carolina, February 8, 1804. He was a brother of the Hon. George Davis, Attorney General of the Confederate States, and long a member of St. Peter's Church. Mr. Davis was graduated from the University of North Carolina and shortly thereafter began the study of law. After being admitted to the bar he practised law for a time in Wilmington. After his return to his native city, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Elizabeth Fleming, who died in the year 1828. After her death, he was confirmed and became a candidate for Holy Orders. In 1831 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Ives, and Priest the following year.

The first year of his ministry was spent rendering service to both Calvary Church, Wadesboro, and St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro. These two churches were nearly 100 miles apart, and Mr. Davis rendered service in all respects on an alternate Sunday basis. After this arduous tenure, Mr. Davis took the post of Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington, where he began a most progressive city missionary movement among the people he found on the waterfront and the poor. After remaining three years in Wilmington, Mr. Davis came to St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, which he served in conjunction with St. Peter's. In this post he remained for nearly four years. With him to Salisbury, Mr. Davis had brought his second wife, the former Miss Ann Ive Moore of Wilmington. They lived in the house that now serves as the Rowan Museum, commonly known as the Maxwell Chamber's house.

After leaving the dual charge of St. Luke's and St. Peter's Mission, Mr. Davis went on to Grace Church, Camden, S.C. He served this congregation for six years until May of 1853, at which time he was elected Bishop of South Carolina. It was shortly thereafter that his eyesight began to fail. By 1858, his vision was so bad that he made a trip to England and the Continent to confer with leading medical authorities in an effort to relieve his condition. There was, however, nothing that could be done, and the Bishop was forced to bear this burden for the rest of his life. On December 2, 1871, Mr. Davis died in Camden.

Mr. Davis was the first of a number of men who served St. Peter's Church and then went on to become a Bishop of the Church. While at this parish, then a mission, Mr. Davis evidently served well, although no records of his period remain. He did make a visitation to St. Peter's after his removal to Camden, for in the parish records we find that he baptized two children on January 29, 1845.

Rev. Moses Ashley Curtis

Moses Ashley Curtis was Missionary in Western North Carolina and Deacon in Charge of St. Peter's from 1835 until early in 1836. On March 27, 1836, Mr. Curtis made the following entry in his diary regarding the nature of his congregation in the town of Charlotte:

".....preached to a congregation in Charlotte composed of Jews Unitarians, Papists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists and Episcopalians."

Mr. Curtis was born in Stockbridge, Mass., on May 11, 1808, the son of Jared Curtis, a Congregationalist Minister. He was educated at the Stockbridge Academy and was graduated from Williams College in 1827. In 1830 he came to Wilmington, N.C. as a tutor to the family of Edward B. Dudley. In 1833 he returned to Boston and began his preparation for the ministry under the supervision of Rev. William Groswell, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston. By the end of the same year he was back in Wilmington where he was married to Mary Jane de Rossett. Mr. Curtis began his ministry with his ordination as Deacon by the Rt. Rev. Richard Channing Moore, Bishop of Virginia on May 31, 1835, following which he immediately began his tour of duty in Western North Carolina. Around the end of January, 1837, Mr. Curtis returned to Raleigh as instructor in the Episcopal Boys School. While in Raleigh, Bishop Ives ordained him Priest on May 26, 1839. From 1840 until 1841, he served as Missionary in the vicinity of Washington in Beaufort County. In June of 1841, Mr. Curtis was called to St. Matthew's Parish, Hillsborough, N.C. From 1841 until 1847, he served as Rector of this church, leaving in June of the latter year to become Rector of Trinity Church, Society Hill, S.C. Having served in Society Hill for nearly ten years, Mr. Curtis returned to St. Matthews, where he remained until his death in 1872.

Mr. Curtis was a very learned man, being fluent in Greek, Latin, German, French, and Hebrew. Despite his very acceptable ministry, Moses Ashley Curtis is best remembered outside of North Carolina as a botanist of the first rank. During his lifetime and shortly thereafter some twenty-one articles were published under his name in various scientific journals, most especially in Boston. A fuller account of this learned avocation can be found in William S. Powell's biographical pamphlet of Curtis published by the University of North Carolina Library in 1958.

Rev. William W. Spear

As we mentioned in the listing of Clergy that have served St. Peters in the ante-bellum era, Mr. Spear only officiated occasionally in Charlotte during his two years at St. Lukes in Salisbury, this being from January of 1835 until the end of the following year. He also served St. Lukes in Lincolnton on the same basis.

Mr. Spear, after becoming a candidate for holy orders entered the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Prior to this he had been educated in Salisbury by the Rev. Jonathan Freeman, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church. He was married to Miss Emily Ewing of Philadelphia, and shortly after their marriage they removed to Salisbury. In this town they lived in the house of Judge James Martin which still stands as the Rowan Museum, commonly known as the Maxwell Chamber's house.*

Mr. Spear was assisted in his ministry by his sister, Miss Maria Spear. These two devout Churchmen were filled with a great love of the service of the Church, holding a more high church position than was generally popular in the South at that time. It is thought that this was the primary reason for Mr. Spear's removal from Salisbury and the Chapels in Charlotte and Lincolnton. At any rate, he ministered for a short time in South Carolina and then removed to Pennsylvania where he became a leader in the American Oxford Movement. When Rev. Rumple was writing his history in 1881, Mr. Spear was still an active clergyman, or so Rumple thought. In fact, William Spear died June 29, 1865, at the age of fifty-three.

Mr. Spear was a very well educated man for the period, having received his A.B. from U.N.C. in 1831, and his A.M. in 1838. In addition to these two degrees, Mr. Spear also held the other distinction of being granted the D.D. degree by his alma mater.

* Later research has revealed that Mr. Spear was born in the town of Hillsborough in 1812.

Edward McCartney Forbes

For three years Edward McCartney Forbes served as the Episcopal missionary to Western North Carolina, which consisted primarily of the Congregations in Charlotte and Lincolnton. Mr. Forbes was an excellent minister in the face of all the adversities the church "frontier" had to offer.

E.M. Forbes was a native of the New Bern - Beaufort area of eastern North Carolina. The year of his birth was 1811. At the age of seventeen, Mr. Forbes was graduated from the University of North Carolina, this being with the class of 1828. He was subsequently awarded the honorary D.D. degree by his alma mater.

It is not known what parochial charges Mr. Forbes held prior to coming to the western mission field, but at any rate, he entered into his work here in 1841. From 1841 until 1844, he ministered to St. Peter's Charlotte and St. Luke's Lincolnton with the title of Missionary. In both of these churches he was instrumental in the organization of the Parish organizations. His efforts were successful in the mission field, since both of his charges were within the year full parishes of the Diocese of North Carolina, boasting small, yet strong, congregations, roughly ten in each town.

Mr. Forbes is the only one of our early clergy that spent the whole of his ministry in North Carolina. He is most remembered for his ministry in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, during the War of 1861-65, and his subsequent ministry at Christ Church, New Bern, one of the largest parishes in the state. His tenure at Christ Church was one of some twenty-five years. It was in the city of New Bern, near the place of his birth, that Mr. Forbes ended his life, September 23, 1893, at the age of eighty-two.

Rev. John Haywood Parker

One of the most popular of the ante-bellum clergy to have served St. Peter's Church was the Rev. John Haywood Parker, who served this parish in connection with St. Luke's Church in Salisbury. Mr. Parker was born January 21, 1813, a native of North Carolina. He studied in Tarboro, N.C., and was then admitted to the University, where he was an excellent student, receiving his A.B. with the class of 1832. For a number of years thereafter he followed other fields of endeavor for nearly ten years following his graduation from Chapel Hill, finally determining that the Church was to be his calling. On November 7, 1841, he was baptized in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and later ordained deacon on May 31, 1846, and priest May 10, 1847, both by Bishop Ives.

Dr. Rumple's History of Rowan County makes mention of an early marriage that ended in the death of the first Mrs. Parker after only a few months. On January 25, 1854, Mr. Parker was married to Mrs. Ann Lord, the widow of John B. Lord of Salisbury, and the daughter of Dr. Steven L. Ferrand. This ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, who was a brother-in-law to Mr. Parker, and whose association with St. Peter's is very well known.

Mr. Parker's ministry at St. Peter's covered roughly four years, from 1848 until 1852. He remained at St. Luke's Church for an additional six years until his death. This was the only pastoral charge that he ever served. During the period of Mr. Parker's ministry the membership of St. Peter's remained relatively constant. There was some growth, but this was offset by the removal of at least two families from the Church. The work at St. Luke's was beset by a similar problem.

Mr. Parker died in Salisbury on September 15, 1858. He was buried within the shadow of the church building. A very handsome marble shaft was erected to his enduring memory by the members of that congregation.

There is also the possibility that during this period St. Peter's was also served on an occasional supply basis by the Rev. Mr. Oliver S. Prescott, deacon in charge of Christ Church and St. Andrew's Church in Rowan County. This is, however, only conjecture, but it is known that Mr. Prescott did supply other Churches in the area.

Rev. Horatio Harrison Hewitt

The sum total of Mr. Hewitt's history with St. Peter's is given in the following paragraph taken from the Vestry minutes of the parish:

"1st Nov. 1854 Hor. Harrison Hewitt took charge of this parish together with St. Luke's Lincolnton, officiating alternately in each parish every other Sunday, until the 1st of May 1856 when having received a call of the vestry he became Rector of St. Peter's alone." (sic)

Prior to coming to the Western mission field and its two churches in Charlotte and Lincolnton, Mr. Hewitt had served as Rector of Calvary Church, Wadesboro, N.C., from 1852 until 1854. Mr. Hewitt was a man of considerable insight, for he realized that the future of the area lay in the towns that were growing up around the infant railroads, Charlotte being the largest of these. For this reason he decided to give up the reading of services in Lincolnton to devote all of his time to St. Peter's and Charlotte.

During his tenure at St. Peter's Mr. Hewitt seems to have been most successful. The congregation more than doubled from a mere fifteen communicants to thirty-one. Twenty-four persons were confirmed and nineteen were baptized. The era seems to have been one of steady growth, and there is nothing in the vestry records to point up any strife.

Mr. Hewitt served St. Peter's for a little better than three and one-half years. It was during his ministry that the church located at its present site and the little brick church was built. The on-set of congregational growth had made the old church building on Trade Street too small, and Dr. Joseph Davidson was appointed to sell this property. The new building was largely the result of the efforts of Mr. W.M. Williams, Mr. Benjamin Davidson, and William R. Myers, the building committee appointed by the Vestry in 1854.

After leaving St. Peter's, Mr. Hewitt moved to Florida, where he served a number of Churches, and was a delegate from that State's clergy to the Conventions of the Church in the Confederate States in 1863 and 1864.

Rev. Thomas S. W. Mott

Thomas S.W. Mott served St. Peter's Church on two separate times, the first from April to September of 1847, and then again from 1857 to 1859. For the time during 1847 that Mr. Mott tended St. Peter's Church he was very highly thought of by the Vestry, so much so, that they extended him a call to become permanent Rector of the parish. This is recorded in the minutes of the Vestry, but the absence of any reply would tend to silently state that the offer was refused. At any rate, there is no record that Mr. Mott stayed into 1848.

Thomas W.S. Mott was born in Preston, Nova Scotia, on July 23, 1800. The circumstances of his move South are not known, but at any rate he is mentioned as the Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia, S.C. for an eight month period in 1830. Mr. Mott came to North Carolina as chaplain to the wealthy low-country Baring family. For seven years, from 1836 to 1843, Mr. Mott administered the Sacraments as first Rector of the Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, Flat Rock, which church had been founded by the Barings. For a number of years thereafter, Mott served as Missionary to the Church in Western North Carolina, this being from 1843 to 1851, the Church of St. James in Lenoir serving as homebase. Mr. Mott continued to serve in Caldwell County and the west until his two year sojourn at St. Peter's. During his two year stay at St. Peter's the number of baptisms greatly increased and a Confirmation class of 9 was presented. In mid 1859, Mr. Mott resigned his charge in Charlotte and took his family to Raleigh, where he was one of the co-founders of the Church Intelligencer, a more complete account of which is found in the section dealing with George M. Everhart. From 1861 to 1864 Mr. Mott devoted his time to this publication. In 1864, however, he gave up the Intelligencer to return to Caldwell County, where he was famous for the school he operated in the Miller's Hill Section. The school was named Belvoir. It was in Caldwell County that Mr. Mott died, August 30, 1869. He was buried in St. Luke's Churchyard, Lincolnton, a church that he had served from his home.

Dr. Mott and his wife Susan, who died January 23, 1852, were the parents of three sons - Dr. J.J. Mott, Dr. Walter B. Mott, and Dr. Henry Y. Mott, all of whom were noted physicians in Iredell County, North Carolina.

Rev. George M. Everhart

During the period of the War Between the States St. Peter's was the charge of the Rev. George M. Everhart. Mr. Everhart came to St. Peter's on the call of the vestry, accepting their call on July 1, 1861. Prior to coming to Charlotte, Mr. Everhart had been rector of Calvary Church in Louisville, Kentucky. It is highly possible that the very uncertain nature of life in this border state prompted Mr. Everhart's move to relatively stable Charlotte. The salary agreed upon for the year 1861 was to be \$600. Later in his tenure at St. Peter's Mr. Everhart requested and grudgingly received the Sunday offering of the church. This seems to have been a large item in the termination of the pastoral relationship early in 1866. At any rate, on February 6, 1866, Mr. Everhart tendered his resignation, and it was accepted without comment by the Vestry. He was succeeded on the same day in 1867 by the Rev. Mr. Bronson, who came to Charlotte from Maryland.

During the years St. Peter's was served by Mr. Everhart, the congregation was greatly increased by an influx of refugees, especially from Virginia and other war zones. At times it seems that these newcomers outnumbered the regular members of the Church. It was the general rule to exclude the refugee population from the census of communicants as evidenced by the minutes of the war-time Vestry. The attendance on Sunday services was greatly increased, seriously taxing the same church that had only a few years before been nearly empty. Not all of these refugees left Charlotte after the war, and a number of them became fast members of St. Peter's.

It was during the last year of the War that St. Peter's and Mr. Everhart as its rector hosted the cabinet of the Confederate States, which was fleeing southward with its President, Jefferson Davis. Mr. Davis and the cabinet attended Morning Prayer at St. Peter's on the first Sunday after Easter, 1865, and hear Mr. Everhart in his sermon attack the assassination of President Lincoln.

In the fall of 1864, the Church Intelligencer which had been founded by the Rev. T.S.W. Mott in Raleigh, was moved to Charlotte where the publication was continued by Mr. Everhart and the Rev. Fordyce M. Hubbard. After Mr. Everhart's retirement in April of 1866, Mr. Hubbard continued the publication a few days each quarter, until the paper was discontinued completely.

Mr. Everhart, as has already been said, resigned in February of 1866, the official reason being given in the Vestry minutes being ill health. At any rate, the parish seems to have done quite well during a difficult era under his leadership.

Supply Clergy - Robert E. Parham and O.S. Prescott

The 1847 Convention Report mentions that both of these clergymen officiated at St. Peter's within that previous year. These were:

Rev. Robert E. Parham, who came to Charlotte from the town of Wadesboro. Mr. Parham had served as Rector of Calvary Church in Wadesboro for a number of years prior to the Convention. He lists himself only as a missionary, having dissolved the pastoral relationship with Calvary Church and serving it only as an occasional minister.

Rev. O.S. Prescott, who was listed at the time as the missionary-minister of Christ Church, Rowan County, St. Phillip's, Mocksville, and "parts adjacent." Evidently Mr. Prescott had visited St. Peter's more than once, for he had even made entries in the baptismal records during one of these visits. The distance from Mr. Prescott's pastoral charge to Charlotte was considerable, and after the arrival of Rev. John Haywood Parker in Salisbury in 1848, these visits seem to have stopped.

Parish Statistical Abstract 1843-1866

Year	Clergy	Baptisms	Confirmations	Communications
1843	E.M. Forbes	15	2	9
1844	A.F. Olmstead	-	-	10
1845	A.F. Olmstead	4	2	14
1846	A.F. Olmstead	3	3	14
1847	T.S.W. Mott	7	5	16
1848	J.H. Parker	4	1	14
1849	J.H. Parker	-	-	21
1850	J.H. Parker	2	2	23
1851	J.H. Parker	-	-	16
1852	J.D. McCabe	13	2	12
1853	J.D. McCabe	8	-	12
1854	McCabe-Hewitt	No Report made for year 1854.		
1855	H.H. Hewitt	2	11	15
1856	H.H. Hewitt	8	9	31
1857	H.H. Hewitt	9	4	29
1858	T.S.W. Mott	16	-	32
1859	Mott-Loring	20	9	31
1860	H.H. Loring	12	-	37
1861	G.M. Everhart	6	8	39
1862	G.M. Everhart	53*	12*	49*
1863	G.M. Everhart	22*	13*	91*
1864	G.M. Everhart	15*	12*	61*
1865	G.M. Everhart	34*	20*	70*
1866	G.M. Everhart	16	4	50

Notes to Statistical Abstract

*Years so noted are those during the War Between the States while a considerable number of refugees from Virginia and the eastern part of North Carolina made temporary homes in Charlotte and attended St. Peters.

In the main, the figures shown were compiled from the first book of the Parish Registry and agree with the reports made by the respective clergy to the annual Convention of the Diocese of North Carolina. There are some minor differences, but these are probably due to confusions of records of the several mission churches.

Statistics for the years prior to 1843 are difficult to obtain, especially with respect to the number of Communicants. Here again the problem of a number of missions being reported by a single minister is involved.

Seven Baptismal Entries made by Rev. John Morgan:
All of these are found on Page 1 of the First Parish Registry

1. Catherine, daughter of William J. Alexander, Esq., Attorney at Law and Elvira Catherine, his wife, born 29 January, 1831 and baptized January, 1833.
2. Laura T., wife of Marshall T. Polk, Esq., born 15 September, 1808 and baptized January, 1833.*
3. Eunice O., daughter of Marshall T. Polk, Esq., Attorney at Law, and Laura T., his wife, born 9 August, 1828, and baptized January, 1833.
4. Marshall T., son of Marshall T. Polk, Esq., Attorney at Law, and Laura T., his wife, born 15 May, 1831, and baptized January, 1833.
5. Joseph Wilson, son of Pinckney C. Caldwell, Esq., Doctor of Medicine, and Sally Roxanna, his wife, born 22 March, 1833, and baptized June 1833.
6. William Lee, son of William J. Alexander, Esq., Attorney at Law, and Elvira Catherine, his wife, born 21 May, 1833, and baptized June, 1833.
7. Samuel, son of Pinckney C. Caldwell, Esq., Doctor of Medicine, and Sally Roxanna, his wife, born 11 February, 1833, and baptized May, 1833.

*Note: Marshall T. Polk died April 5, 1831, and was buried in the Old Settlers Cemetery in Charlotte. This was two years before any of the above entries, and a full month before the birth of his son Marshall T. Polk, entry number 4 above.

These entries serve to fairly accurately date the service of Rev. John Morgan to St. Peter's. Whether the date of January, 1833 is an actual date of baptism, or a convenient date used only for the entry of baptisms made before the account was rendered is a point for conjecture.

Baptismal Records after Rev. John Morgan:

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1. Laura Roxana, daughter of William J. Alexander, attorney at law, and Elvira Catherine, his wife, born 13 January, 1842 and baptised October, 1842 by Rev. Edward M. Forbes.
2. Martha, a slave of William J. Alexander was baptised in 1842 by Rev. Edward H. Forbes.
3. Jefferson, a slave of William J. Alexander was baptized in 1842 by Rev. Edward H. Forbes.
4. James, a slave of William J. Alexander was baptized in 1842 by Rev. Edward H. Forbes.
5. Margaret, a slave of William J. Alexander was baptized in 1842 by Rev. Edward H. Forbes.
6. Rosanna, a slave of William J. Alexander was baptized in 1842 by Rev. Edward H. Forbes.
7. Jane, a slave of William J. Alexander was baptized in 1842 by Rev. Edward H. Forbes.
8. Maria, a slave of William J. Alexander was baptized in 1842 by Rev. Edward H. Forbes.

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9. Susan, a slave of William J. Alexander was baptized in 1844 by Rev. Aaron F. Olmstead.
10. Theodore, a slave of William J. Alexander was baptized in 1844 by Rev. Aaron F. Olmstead.
11. Sophia Josephine, daughter of Samuel McCracken, laborer, and Mary, his wife, was born 26 January, 1845, and baptized 29 January, 1845, by Rev. Thomas F. Davis.
12. Mary Anne, daughter of William Tomkins, miner, and Mary Ann, his wife, was born and baptized 29 January, 1845, by Rev. Thomas F. Davis.
13. Dora, a slave of William J. Alexander, was baptized in --- by Rev. Aaron F. Olmstead. (Blank space left for the date of baptism but never completed.)
14. Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Pinckney C. Caldwell, Doctor of Medicine, and Sally Roxanna, his wife, born 27 November, 1844 and baptized 30 December, 1844, by Rev. Aaron F. Olmstead.

15. Charlotte Mina, wife of William F. Davidson, attorney at law, born 20 April, 1828, and baptized 17 July, 1845, by Rev. Aaron F. Olmstead.

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16. Caroline, a slave of Miss Mary J. Wilson, was baptized on 16 November, 1845 by Rev. Aaron F. Olmstead.

17. Charlotte Anne, daughter of James Warren, miner, and Henrietta, his wife, born --- and baptized 4 January, 1846, by Rev. Aaron F. Olmstead.

18. Catherine Cotesworth, daughter of Pinckney C. Caldwell, doctor of medicine, and Sally Roxanna, his wife, born 19 April, 1846 and baptized on 28 June, 1846, by Rev. Aaron F. Olmstead.

19. Sarah Mary Elizabeth, daughter of William F. Davidson, attorney at law, and Charlotte M., his wife, born 15 April, 1846 and baptized on 28 June, 1846, by the Rt. Rev. Levi S. Ives.

20. Washington, a slave of William J. Alexander, baptized 28 June, 1846.

21. Austin, a slave of Mr. George Cross, baptized 28 June, 1846, by the Rt. Rev. Levi S. Ives.

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22. Mary, daughter of Dr. John H. Gibbon and Catherine, his wife, born 20 January, 1825 and baptized 28 June 1846 by the Rt. Rev. Levi S. Ives.

23. John, a slave of Mr. William Gundry, baptized on 28 June, 1846 by the Rt. Rev. Levi S. Ives.

24. L. Josephine, daughter of Miles B. Abernathy and Charlotte, his wife, born --- and baptized on the 28th of June, 1846 by the Rt. Rev. Levi S. Ives.

25. Eliza Missouri, daughter of John Gooch, farmer, and Elizabeth, his wife, born June 7th, 1825 and baptized on the 23rd May, 1847, by the Rev. James D. McCabe.

26. Robert, the son of Carolina, a slave of William J. Alexander, Esq., was born April, 1846 and was baptized July 18, 1847 in St. Peter's Chapel Charlotte By Rev. John H. Parker.

27. Laura Anna, daughter of William J. Alexander, attorney at law, and Charlotte, his wife, born April 20, 1847, baptized in St. Peter's Chapel Charlotte April 24, 1847, by Rev. John H. Parker.

- (Pg.6.) 28. Jeremiah Worth, son of John and Mattie, slaves of William J. Alexander, born October 24, 1847, was baptized at Catherine's on Sunday, January 23rd, 1848 by Rev. John H. Parker.
29. Anna Peale, daughter of Caroline was born 15 June 1848, baptized in St. Peter's Church, April 29, 1849 by Rev. John H. Parker.
Mrs. William J. Alexander - witnesses
Miss S.F. Alexander
30. Margaret Blake Davidson, daughter of William F. Davidson and Charlotte M., his wife, born 21st of April, 1849, and baptized 23rd of December, 1849 by ---- (entry made by) John H. Parker
Died 22 September, 1850.
31. William Davidson, son of William F. Davidson and Charlotte M., his wife, born March 6, 1851 and baptized 12th of June, 1851 by ---- (entry made by) Rev. T.S.W. Mott.

- (Pg.7) 32.-34. Laura Emily, born 4 October, 1849
John Francis, born 9 November, 1850
Mary Blanche, born 9 March, 1852
Children of W.M. Orr and Harriet A. Orr, baptized 17 June, 1852. Sponsors - the parents.
T.S.W. Mott
35. Cynthia Blanche, child of Mary and A.C. Williamson, baptized ----. Sponsors - the parents. T.S.W. Mott
- 36.-39. William Quarlius Smith
Mary Seely Smith
Emma Rhoda Smith
Laura Ann Smith
Children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, baptized 30 day of June, 1852, sponsors - the parents. T.S.W. Mott.
- 40.-41. David Lee Rea - Helen M. Rea, baptized 30 day of June, 1852. Witnesses - Mr. and Mrs. Smith

42. Henry Lee Rea, child of the above persons, baptized 30 of June, 1852. Sponsors - the parents. T.S.W. Mott.

- (Pg.8) 43. January, 1857 - 1st Sunday after Christmas. William Washington, infant son of -- Severs, aged about 12 months. Sponsors - Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Davidson.
44. 1855, March 4th. Hugh Alexander, infant son of William A. and Harriet Lucas, born January 12th, 1855. Privately baptized while sick.

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Baptisms (Adult)

45. July 15, 6th Sunday after Trinity, Catherine Gibbon. Witnesses - Mrs. Gibbon and Miss Wilson.
Horatio H. Hewitt, Rector.

46. September 16, 15th Sunday after Trinity, Annabella Wilson, a free girl of color. Sponsors - Jerry and his wife.
Horatio H. Hewitt, Rector.

Infant

47. September 30, 17th Sunday after Trinity, Charlotte Augusta, infant daughter of William F. and Charlotte Davidson, born August 30th, 1855. Baptized privately.
Horatio H. Hewitt, Rector.

Adult

48. March 22nd, 1856. Harriet Young
Witnesses - Mr. W.A. Young and Mrs. W.A. Young

Infant

49. March 23, 1856. Easter Sunday. Arthur Fox, infant son of Albert and --- Williamson.

Adult

50. March 28, 1856. Charles M.T. McCauley. Witnesses Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. McCauley. Baptized privately in residence, Monroe, Union County.

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51. May 7, 1856 (Adult)
William Augustus Young
Witnesses Mrs. Young and Mrs. Hewitt

Reported at Convention, May 1856: Baptisms, infant, white, 3, adult white 4.

52. 1856, July 27. Infant
Two colored children, John Franklin and Joseph Edward, parents, William F. Strange and Caroline.
Sponsors - Mrs. P.C. Caldwell and Margaret Strange.
Horatio H. Hewitt, Rector.

53. August 3, 1856. Admitted into the Church of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Maria Louisa, infant daughter of Robert T. and Patsy M. Smith.
J.D. Gibson, Presbyter.

54-56. August 24, 1856 Infant Parent - Free colored
Margaret Augusta Mary Reed
Alice Victoria Delia Reed
Rufus Jeremiah Monroe Sarah Reed
Sponsors - Mrs. Caldwell and Margaret Strange

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57. October 12, 1856 Infant Robinson Reed, a colored child bound to Jerry. Sponsors - Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Davidson and Jerry.
58. January 8, 1857. Mary Elizabeth, infant daughter of Dr. J.M. and Mary M. Davidson, baptized privately while sick.
59. March 22, 1857, 4th Sunday in Lent, Isabella, infant daughter of John and Jane R. Wilkes, born October 1st, 1856. Sponsors - the parents and Catherine Gibbon.

Reported to Convention May, 1857, infants - 6 colored, 3 white, total 9.

60. June 7, 1857, Trinity Sunday. John and Corah, two colored children bound to Maj. Green Caldwell. Sponsors - Miss Alice Caldwell.
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62. June 26, 1857, 3rd Sunday after Trinity. Caroline, a Woman living with William S. Strange as a wife. Witnesses - her two children James and Margaret. Baptism Private.
63. June 28, 1857. Julia Virginia, infant daughter of John Y. Bryce and Julia his wife, Baptized privately.
64. June 30, 1857. Edward Graham Maywood, infant son of Robert P.(?) and Augusta Waring, Baptism private.

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65. July 12, 1857, 5th Sunday after Trinity. Frank White, infant son of John White and Louisa, Mumby (?) of the State of New York. Sponsors - Mrs. Harriet Young, the mother, and Wm. A. Young.
66. September 7th, 1857. Martha Caroline, wife of Thomas Washam, Witnesses - Susan B. Hewitt and the husband of the baptized.
67. September 7th, 1857. William Alexander, infant son of the above Thomas and Martha Caroline Washam, born April 22, 1853.
68. Sarah Demeris, infant daughter of the above Thomas and Martha Caroline Washam, born February 4, 1857.
69. October 7, 1857. Hiram, a free colored man residing in a part of the town commonly known as California. Witness - Margaret Strange.
70. October 11, 1857. 18th Sunday after Trinity. Robert Bowers, son of William E. and Jemima Turner. Sponsors - the father and mother.

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71. October 11, 1857 18th Sunday after Trinity
John Rutledge, son of William E. and Jemima
Turner. Sponsors - the father and mother.
72. December 4, 1857. William Nathaniel, infant son
of Mary Ann Reed, a colored woman. Sponsor -
the mother.
73. December 4, 1857. Reuben Cicero, an infant son
of Jane Reed, a colored woman. Sponsor - the
mother.
74. January 31, 1858, 4th Sunday after Epiphany.
Horatio Harrison, infant son of the Rector,
Horatio Harrison and Susan Bradwell Hewitt.
Sponsors - Mr. B.H. Davidson, Dr. R. Wysong,
and Mrs. Lucas.
75. May 28th, 1858. Florence May, infant daughter
of W.F. and Charlotte Davidson, born May 25, 1858.
Sponsors - the parents. T.S.W. Mott
76. June 20, 1858. Thomas Buono Taylor. Witness
Dr. R. Wysong and A.C. Williamson. T.S.W. Mott.
77. On the same occasion Eva Jones, age 3 months,
infant daughter of John Y. and Julia C. Bryce.

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78. June 27, 1858. Sophia Convert Myers. Witnesses -
Mrs. Dr. Davidson, Miss Margaret Lowrie, Dr.
Davidson, Mr. Myers.

On the same occasion:

79. John Springs
80. Sophia Convert Children of William R. Myers
81. William Rayford and Sophia C. Myers
82. Richard Austin
83. Mary Picket
Sponsors - the parents, Dr. Davidson, Miss M. Lowrie.
T.S.W. Mott.

84. June 27, 1858. Mary Euphemia, born May 7th, 1855.
Sponsors - William F. Strange, Margaret Strange.

85. William E. Foster, a free colored man.
86. Mary Pethel, a free colored woman.
87. Sarah Jane, a free colored girl.
July 18th, 7th Sunday after Trinity (1858). T.S.W. Mott

88. Jane Jeffry, infant daughter of John and Jane R. Wilkes
Sponsors - the parents. July 30th, 1858. T.S.W. Mott.

89. October 3, 1858. Jennie McRea, infant daughter of
R.P. and Augusta Varing. Sponsors - the parents and
Dr. Joseph Davidson and Wife. T.S.W. Mott.

November 6, 1858

90. George Thomas, aged 11 months

91. Haywood, 4 months.

Children of Rebecca Henderson and George Williams.

T.S.W. Mott

92. January 23, 1859. Virginia Rabey, adult.
Witnesses - J. Wilkes and Dr. Joseph Davidson.

T.S.W. Mott

The following entries are found on page 22 of the first
book of parish records, following the burial records.

93. Henry Connor, born July 7th, 1848.

94. Mary Emily, born September 27, 1849.

95. Matilda, born February 5, 1851.

96. Lucy Nutall, born August 16, 1854.

October 26, 1859 - Children of Benjamin and Mary Jane
Morrow. Sponsors - Mary W. and Martha W. Thompson.

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At the same time: (i.e. October 26, 1859)

97. Edgar White, born April 13th, 1857.

98. Junius Anis, born July 19th, 1859

Children of Louis Henry Russell and Martha M. Russell.

Sponsors - the mother and Mrs. Lucas. T.S.W. Mott

99. Lila Maria (?), born 25th June, 1859, daughter of
Dr. Joseph Davidson and Mary Davidson. Sponsors -
the parents. T.S.W. Mott

100. Elizabeth Nicholl, born ---- 1858, daughter of
William R. Myers and Sophia C. Myers. Sponsors -
Mrs. Elizabeth Springs and the parents.

Textual Note:

The following pages contain entries made from 1861 to 1866 by the Rev. George M. Everhart. His entries are at best difficult to follow due to a rather poor style of penmanship, and it is entirely possible that some of the entries have been misread. It should also be noted that Mr. Everhart seems to have accumulated his records and entered them in the book only occasionally. This method lost a great deal of the continuity and led to lapses in the records caused by a lapse in the memory of the author, or rather the compiler. It also seems to have been Mr. Everhart's custom to enter all of the sacramental ministrations he performed in the records of St. Peter's. This had not generally been the case with the predecessors. Thus we find entries concerned with the Winston-Salem area and even into Virginia. I mention all of this to simply throw these records into a proper perspective. Any and all suggestions and/or corrections are welcome. In many cases some notations have been made to clarify the intent of the entries in some cases and the persons involved in others.

Baptisms Recorded by the Rev. George Everhart

(The following baptismal entries were made later in the first volume of parish records by the Rev. George Everhart after his arrival in 1861. There are numerous blank pages between the first entries of baptisms and burials and the Everhart entries. Some pages that were evidently blank have been removed entirely, evidently a sign of the lack of paper that plagued the South during the War of 1861-1865.)

1. Mrs. Harriet Orr, baptized privately, October, 1861, aged about 38 years. Witnesses - Dr. Orr, Mrs. Julia Fox, Col. W.A. Williams, Mrs. Lucas.
George Everhart.
2. Fannie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Orr, baptized privately in October, 1861, aged 8 years. Sponsors - the parents.
George Everhart.
3. Martha, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Orr, baptized privately in October, 1861, aged 5 years. Sponsors - the parents.
George Everhart.
4. James (colored boy), servant of Dr. Joe Caldwell, aged about 3 years. Sponsors - Mrs. R. Caldwell. Baptized in November, 1861.
George Everhart.
5. Jasper (Colored boy), servant of Dr. Joe Caldwell, aged about 5 years. Sponsors - Mrs. R. Caldwell. Baptized in November, 1861.
6. Wesley (colored boy, servant of Dr. Joe Caldwell, Sponsor - Mrs. R. Caldwell. Baptized in November, 1861.

(Note: Dr. Joseph Caldwell was the son of Pinckney C. Caldwell and Sally Roxanna Caldwell. The Mrs. R. Caldwell here mentioned was the owner of the slaves' mother. She was at this time the only member of this family belonging to St. Peter's.)

7. William (servant child of Major Morrow baptized November 1861, born 2 February 1858. Parents Jeff and Mary Jane. Sponsors - Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Cassie Gibbon and Capt. Wilkes.
8. James (servant child of Major Morrow, baptized November, 1861, born 6 June, 1859. Sponsors - Mrs. Russell and Miss Cassie Gibbon and Capt. Wilkes.

9. Charles Oscar, son of Manual and Emily Sophia Jones baptized in December, 1861, born June 24, 1861 in Columbia S.C. Sponsors - the parents, Miss Cassie Gibbon.
10. Edmund, infant son of Edmund and Bessie Wilkes was baptized at the Company Shops. December 28, 1861, aged about 1 year. Sponsor - the parents.
11. Eliza M., infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Julia Fox, born about the 1st of January, 1862 and baptized privately four days after its birth and just before its death. Witnesses - the parents and Dr. Taylor.
12. Agnes, daughter of John and J.R. Wilkes, baptized in March, 1862. Born January 27 (30), 1862. Sponsors - the parents and Mrs. B.H. Davidson.
13. Marian, servant woman of Mrs. Dr. Richd. Gregory, baptized in March, 1862, aged about 17 years. Witness - Austin.
14. Eliza Jane, servant child of Mrs. Wilkinson and daughter of Jane was baptized in December, 1861, and born July 11, 1860. Sponsor - Miss Jennie B. Gibbon.
15. Ellen, daughter of Amanda at Capt. Wilkes, aged about 11 years and baptized in December, 1861. Witness - Capt. Wilkes.
16. Wm. Harrison Shult, adult. Born December 21, 1819 baptized April 18 (Good Friday Eve) (1862). Witnesses - Capt. Jno. Wilkes and Mrs. H. Schult.
17. Robt. Eli, son of Levi and Eliz. Frances Stevens, born Octo. 28, 1858, and baptized April 19, 1862. Sponsors - the parents and Mr. W.H. and Mrs. Schult.
18. Anna Elizabeth, daughter of Levi and Eliz. Frances Stevens, born January 28, 1860, and baptized April 19, 1862. Sponsors - the parents and Mr. W.H. and Mrs. Schult.
19. John Cordero, son of Levi and Eliz. Frances Stevens, born July 7, 1861, and baptized April 19, 1862. Sponsors - the parents and Mr. W.H. and Mrs. Schult.
20. Thos. Willard, son of William and Alice B. Owens, born 19 November, 1861 and baptized 19 April, 1862. Sponsors - Mrs. A.B. Owens and Miss Sarah F. Davidson.

21. Carrie Belle, daughter of Col. J.Y. and Julia Bryce, born June 3, 1859 and baptized April 19, 1862. Sponsors - the Rector by proxy and Miss Jennie Gibbon.
22. John Garnette, son of Col. J.Y. and Julia Bryce, born March 23, 1861 and baptized April 19, 1862. Sponsors - Miss Jennie Gibbon and the Rector by proxy.
23. Anthony, slave of Jno. Wilkes, aged about 55 yrs. and baptized April 4, 1862 (in private). Witnesses - Jno. Wilkes and Austin.
24. Catherine, daughter of Aaron and Mary and slave child of Wm. F. Davidson, born April 20, 1861 and baptized Apl. 20, 1862. Sponsor - Miss Sarah M. E. Davidson.
25. Cressa, girl belonging to Dr. Green W. Caldwell, aged about 7 years and baptized April 20, 1862. Sponsor - Mrs. Alice B. Owens.
26. Isabella, servt. of Dr. Pinck. Caldwell, aged 13 years and baptized April 20, 1862. Sponsor - Miss Kate Caldwell.
27. Ancilla, servt. child belonging to Miss Eliza Lowrie, aged about 1 year and baptized April 20, 1862. Sponsor - Miss Marg. Lucas.
28. Charles Beauregard, servant child of Laura and belonging to George M. Everhart (the Rector), born January 9, 1862. Sponsor - the Rector by proxy.
29. Dorcas Ann, servant of Major Morrow, born April 6, 1848 and baptized April 20, 1862. Sponsors for this and the 13 following - Miss Russell, Misses Hallie and Mary Thomas.
30. Richard, servant of Major Morrow, born November 20, 1849, and baptized April 20, 1862.
31. John, servant of Major Morrow, born July 7, 1850, and baptized April 20, 1862.
32. Pamela, servant of Major Morrow, born February 14, 1852, and baptized April 20, 1862.
33. Harriet, servant of Major Morrow, born March 10, 1852, and baptized April 20, 1862.

34. Alice, servant of Major Morrow, born June 7, 1852 and baptized April 20, 1862.
35. Sophia, servant of Major Morrow, born February 4, 1858, and Baptized April 20, 1862.
36. Alfred, servant of Major Morrow, born February 14, 1859, and baptized April 20, 1862.
37. Maria, servant of Major Morrow, born March 5, 1862, and baptized April 20, 1862.
38. Sarah, servant of Major Morrow, born Feb. 6, 1858, and baptized April 20, 1862.
39. Mary Jane, servant of Major Morrow, born March 4, 1859, and baptized April 20, 1862.
40. Andrew, servant of Major Morrow, born November 8, 1850, and baptized April 20, 1862.
41. Ella Elizabeth, servant of Mrs. M.M. Russell, born July 24, 1859, and baptized April 20, 1862.
42. Anna Malinda, servant of Mrs. M.M. Russell, born September 3, 1861, and baptized April 20, 1862.
43. ----(*) Dawson, son of ---- Pender and My Fannie, Pender aged about -- months and baptized at Ford Spring near Salem, April 24, 1862. Sponsors - the mother, Miss Pamela Shipp and Mrs. Hamilton Sheppherd. Note: a later hand has added the asterik with the following "Dawson should read William Dolsey or Dorsey.
44. Alexander Malcolm, son of Dr. Jos. M. and Mrs. Davidson, born May 11, 1861, and baptized at their residence on the Catawba, April 30, 1862.
45. Harriet, daughter of Charles E. Spratt, baptized (privately) May 8, 1862, aged about 4 months.
46. (Note: this entry has been marked through, apparently when first written.)
Wm. Alfred Preston, aged 52 years, baptized at the Washington Springs, Washington C.H., Va., May 30, 1862. Witnesses - E. Lingle, F. Preston, Mrs. W.A. Preston.

Baptized April 30th, Colored children belonging to Dr. Jos. M. Davidson, according to the following order - the master and his wife, Mrs. M.M. Davidson, standing as sponsors.

46. Roxanna Minerva, born 1850.
47. Margaret Catherine, born 1850.
48. George, born June, 1854.
49. Martha Alice, born May 28, 1858.
50. Catherine Elizabeth (born) March 29, 1859.
51. Lawson Alexander (born) May 2, 1859.
52. Biddy Jane (born) June 13, 1861.

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53. John the Barber, a free man of color, baptized June, 1862, witness - Jerry Bethel. Aged about 23.
54. Immanuel Jones, baptized August 10, 1862, aged about 28 years. Witnesses - Mrs. Spratt, W.A. Williams, John Wilkes, Mrs. Jones.
55. Charles Elms Spratt, baptized August 10, 1862, aged about 40 years. Witnesses - Mrs. Spratt, W.A. Williams.
56. Margaret Gibbon, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Gibbon and Dr. Gibbon, aged about 18 years, and baptized August 17, 1862. Witnesses - the mother and sister, Mary.
57. William Alfred Preston, baptized at the Washington Springs on his death bed, May 30, 1862. Aged 52 yrs.
58. John and Edward, twin children of Mr. and Mrs. Sperry
59. near the bridge of the Catawba, were baptized the 1st Sunday in August, and were born June 24, 1855. Sponsors - Dr. J.M. Davidson and the parents.
60. Charles Sperry, son of the same parents was baptized 1st Sunday in August, and born May 2, 1858.
61. Henry Sperry, son of the same parents was baptized 1st Sunday in August, and born July 19, 1860. Witnesses same as above (#59)
62. Mary Elinner Lawing, child, born 12 June, 1860, and baptized 1st Sunday in August, 1862. Witnesses - Dr. J.M. Davidson and the parents.
63. Amelia Deborah Lawing, child, born June 11, 1862, and baptized 1st Sunday in August, 1862. Sponsors same as above.

St. Peter's Church was consecrated by the Bp. September 23, 1862, and the beautiful marble font presented by Mrs. W.R. Myers, September 20, 1862.

64. Baptized, Henry Kalb, infant son of the Rev. Geo. M. Everhart and his wife Adelaïd E. on the 13th November, in St. Peter's by the Rev. W.C. Butler of Richmond, Va. Aged two months and 13 days - having been born on the 1st Septr./'62. Sponsors - Henry C. Banner, Jno. Wilkes, Minerva J. Banner.
65. Baptized, James Blake, infant son of Wm. F. and Charlotte Davidson, on the 13th November in St. Peter's, aged about 2 months. Sponsors - the parents and Miss Maggie Blake.
66. Baptized (privately) Robert Emmitt, son of Capt. and Mrs. Spotswood, C.S.N., aged 9 years.
67. Baptized, Lou (?) Page, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Spotswood, aged --- years. Sponsors - Mrs. Capt. Page, C.S.N. and her father. (no date)
68. Baptized -----, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Spotswood, aged 13 years. Sponsors ----- (No date)
69. Baptized -----, a colored man belonging to Dr. Jos. Caldwell, in private, March, 1863, aged about 21 years. Witnesses - Dr. J.M. Davidson and Mrs. Mary Davidson.
70. Benjamin Howard, infant child of Dr. Jos. M. and Mary Davidson, born 15 September, 1863, and baptized in private March the same year. Sponsors - the parents. (Note: this is obviously an error. The child was evidently born in 1862. There seems to have been a good bit on confusion in writing this entry.)
71. Louisa Alice, colored child of Cynthia, servant of Rev. George M. Everhart, born 1862 and baptized Feb. 1, 1863. Sponsors - the master by proxy and Mrs. Everhart.
72. George Edwin, son of George M. Thompson and Kate R., his wife, born May 15, 1857 and baptized in Private April 21, 1863. Sponsor - his mother.
73. Charles Henry Thompson, son of the same parents, born August 20th, 1860, and baptized in private April 23, 1863. Sponsor - his mother.
74. Edmund Redd, infant son of Samuel L. and Celeste T. Caldwell, born March 3, 1862 and baptized in private by Rev. J. Wetmore, March 9, 1863. Sponsors - his father, grandfather Caldwell, Miss Kate Caldwell.

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75. Louis Francis, infant (colored), child of free woman Becca, age about 6 months and baptized May 17, 1863. Sponsor - his mother.
76. Emma Jones, infant daughter of Emmanuel and Emily Jones, born December 28, 1862, and baptized Trinity Sunday, May 31, 1863. Mrs. Jane Wilkes and the Mother, sponsors.
77. Adeline, daughter of colored man Goodman, born February 27, 1863, and baptized 1st Sunday after Trinity, June 7, 1863.
78. Frederick, slave of Wm. F. Davidson, born December 16, 1862, and baptized June 7, 1863. Sponsor - Mrs. Charles M. Davidson.
79. Lewis, colored, slave child of Wm. F. Davidson, aged about 10 years and baptized June 7, 1863. Sponsors - Mrs. Charles M. Davidson.
80. Fanny, infant daughter of Mrs. Emma G. Luck and Matthew Luck, decd., born August 12, 1861, and baptized privately June 9, 1863.
81. Mnez Eugenia, infant daughter of W.H. and Lizzie A. West (of the Navy Yard), born March 3, 1863 and baptized June 21. Sponsors - the father and Mrs. C.A. Everhart.
82. ---- infant, baptized June 30, 1863.
83. Norah Elizabeth Price, infant daughter of B. Samuel Thomas and L.P. Thomas, born August 26, 1862 and baptized July 11, 1863. Sponsors - W.H. Schult and Mrs. Hannah M. Schult.
84. Jane Lucretia, infant daughter of Jane Wilkerson (Colored woman), born August, 1862 and baptized August 2, 1863.
85. Warwick Woods, infant son of Rev. William C. And M.F. Butler, born February 24, 1863 and baptized August 9, 1863. Sponsors - the parents and Mrs. Rebecca F. Butler.
86. Virginia Minor, daughter of Dr. R.H.(K?) Gregory and Mrs. Melerna (?) Gregory was born October 24, 1862 and baptized August 30, 1863. Sponsors - the mother, Miss Ada Byron Minor and the Rector.

87. Margaret, colored woman of William F. Davidson, born in 1844, baptized September 25, 1863, aged about 19 years. Witness - Mrs. Charlotte Davidson.
88. Adaline, slave of Mr. Elias, a Jew, baptized in private, October 5 and about 30 years (old).
89. Child of Moore?
90. Pierre, infant son of Edward and Catherine Walley (colored people), born May 30, 1864 and baptized in private June 29, 1864.
91. J.A. Ramsay, Co. L, 3 Ala. Regt., baptized near Spotsylvania C.H. in Camp Hospital, May 19, 1864, and aged about 25 years.
92. J.M. Benton, Co. C, 61 Ala. Regt., baptized near Spotsylvania C.H. in Va. in Camp Hospital, May 19, 1864, aged between 20 and 30 years.
93. Edmond Redd Caldwell, born March 2, 1862 and Baptized by Rev. W.R. Wetmore, March 9, 1863. (This entry has been marked through and another with this number made.)
93. Sarah Roxanna Caldwell, daughter of Saml. P. and Celest (?) T. Caldwell, was born August 29, 1863 and baptized by Rev. W.C. Butler, June 19, 1864.
94. John Francis, son of Jno. and Jane Wilkes, was born May 20 (later hand), 1864 and was baptized July 17, 1864. Sponsors - the parents.
95. Steven Lee, son of Genl. Dorsey and Mary Frances Pender, was born November 12, 1863, and baptized July 22, 1864. Sponsors - Mrs. Pender, Miss Minerva J. Barrier, and Mrs. Helen F. Shepperd.
96. John Patrick, son of Lt. Francis Edgar, C.S.W. and Helen Jenny Shepherd, was born April 25, 1864 and baptized July 22, 1864. Sponsors - the parents and Mrs. Mary F. Pender.
97. Elizabeth Sarah, daughter of E.R. and Mrs. E.B. Dorsey was born April 22, 1863, and baptized August 15, 1864. Sponsors - the parents and Mrs. Peter M. Brown.
98. John Murdough, son of Washington and Octavia M. (?) Reed, born July 3, 1864 and baptized August 16, 1864. Sponsors - James Briscoe and Fannie B. Dorsey.
99. Ida (Nothing more ever entered. Probably a slave.)

100. Edith Eloise, daughter of Joseph M. and Mary M. Davidson, was born March 23, 1864 and baptized September 1, 1864. Sponsors - the parents.
101. Nancy Jane, colored infant slave of Dr. Joseph M. and Mary M. Davidson, was born August 19, 1863 and baptized September 1, 1864. Sponsors - the owners.
102. Ann Amanda, colored infant slave of Dr. Joseph M. and Mary M. Davidson, was born January 6, and baptized September 1, 1864. Sponsors - the owners.
103. Mary Corsick (?) born --- 1846 and baptized September 11, 1864. Witnesses - Rev. Wm. C. Butler and Mrs. S. West.
104. Harriet Myers (Colored woman) aged about 16. Witnesses - Mrs. Sophia C. Myers and Miss Connie Myers; and baptized 23 September, 1864.
105. Eliza Whitens (?), Colored woman, aged eighteen. Witness - Bena, a colored woman and communicant, baptized September 23, 1864.
106. Amanda Young (Colored woman), aged about 18. Witness - Ellen, a colored girl and a communicant, baptized September 28, 1864.
107. Elizabeth Strange, a colored woman, aged 15. Witness - Margaret Strange, baptized September 23, 1864.
108. Leonadas Moore, formerly from Newbern (sic), aged --- yrs. Sponsors - Dr. and Mrs. Hughes. (No date given)
109. Kate, infant daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Cook of Md., born 22 June, 1864, and baptized when dangerously sick in private.
110. Adelaid, daughter of Rev. George M. and Mrs. Cornelia Adelaid Everhart, was born January 30, 1865, and baptized March 19 by the Rt. Rev. Henry C. Lay, D.D. Sponsors - Mrs. Bettie West, Mrs. Alice Owens, James Briscoe.
111. Wane (sic) Hughes, infant son of Dr. Chas. J. and Mrs. Julia Fox, was born July 19, 1864 and baptized in private March 3, 1865.
112. Mrs. Lucy Jane Gaskins was baptized hypothetically April 8, 1865 and about 40 years old.
113. James William Gaskins was baptized hypothetically April 8, 1865, and aged about 45 years. Witness - James Briscoe.

114. Dr. Bryant S. Waynick of Union Co. N.C. was baptized in camp near Goldsboro, January 28, 1865, by the Rev. J.E. Haughton. Witness - James Driscoll.
115. Cynthia, a servant woman of the Rector, aged about 30 years was baptized on a very sick bed in private.
116. Chas. James, son of Dr. Chas. J. Fox was born ---- and baptized in private, April 25, 1865.
117. Mary Fant (?), infant daughter of Capt. Hambleton (sic) and Mrs. Mary Sheppard was born ---- and baptized May 14, Sponsors - Mrs. F. Pender, Mrs. Eliza Kremer and C.L. Banner.
118. Henry Jackson, infant son of colored woman Cynthia was born April 15, 1865 and baptized May 21, 1865. Sponsors the mother and Hannah Myers, colored.
119. James Jacob, son of -----, aged about 8 years, baptized July 9, 1865. Sponsors - Miss Ficklen of S.C. and Mrs. C.M. Everhardt.
120. John Jackson, infant son of Mary, Colored woman, aged about 3 months and baptized July 16, 1865. Sponsor - Mrs. Everhart.
121. Elizabeth Brooks, infant child of Albert and Cornelia Wallace was born March 26, 1865 and baptized July 21. Sponsors - the mother and Mrs. Mary S. Ellison.
122. Thomas Butler Bird, son of Albert and Cornelia Wallace, was born January 26, 1863 and baptized July 21, 1865. Sponsors - the mother, Mrs. Mary S. Ellison.

This concludes the numbered baptisms entered by George Everhart. The two following were also made by him, but are not in the same order as those outlined above.

- (123) Baptized Apl. 29, Thomas Joseph, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw of Charlotte, born January 1, 1866. Sponsors - the parents.
- (124) Baptized Paul Wilkes, son of John and Jane R. Wilkes, born May 14, 1866, baptized 11 - - 1, 1866. Sponsors - the parents and Charles Wilkes.

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